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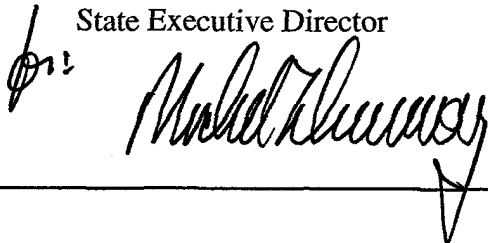
Farm Service Agency
Room 3416, 700 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

ARKANSAS NOTICE FLP-103

For: County Offices

Presidential Major Disaster Declaration M1459

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to advise those counties where Federal disaster assistance, including Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan Assistance (EM) is available to eligible family farmers and ranchers.

B Contact

If there are questions regarding this notice:

County Offices shall contact Tom Howard, Farm Loan Programs Specialist, at 501-301-3035 or
Email: tom.howard@ar.usda.gov

2 Action

A Disaster Area

Effective April 24, 2003, President Bush declared a Major disaster in Mississippi based on damages and losses caused by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding that occurred from April 6 through April 14, 2003. As a result of this Federal disaster assistance, including FSA emergency loans is available for eligible family farmers.

Disposal

June 1, 2004

Distribution

All County Offices

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2 Action (Continued)

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following county(s) in Arkansas are named as contiguous disaster county(s):

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B Application Processing

Emergency loan applications will be received through December 26, 2003, and applications pending on that date may be processed and completed. EM loans will be made under 3-FLP Direct Loan Making.

This notification is coded M1459.

Also, for the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in 3-FLP, paragraph 171 when determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is April 6, 2003.

Farm Loan Managers will ensure that the notification and coordination actions are taken. Designated counties and adjoining counties will send a copy of the attached news release to all media in the county. (See attached Exhibit 1)

C Filing Instructions

In offices with FmHA procedure, file this notice preceding 1945-D. Otherwise, file chronological order with FLP series notices.

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Exhibit 1

Farm

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Phone:

Counties in Mississippi Eligible For USDA Emergency Farm Loans

Washington, D. C., April 24, 2003 -- President Bush declared a Major disaster in Mississippi based on damages and losses caused by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding that occurred from April 6 through April 14, 2003.

The following Arkansas county(s) are also eligible because they are contiguous to the disaster declared counties in Mississippi:

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Farmers in the disaster area have until December 26, 2003, to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. To be eligible, producers must have suffered a physical loss or at least a 30-percent loss of normal production in a single enterprise, be able to repay the loan and any other loans, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate security.

Additional information regarding eligibility and other loan requirements may be obtained by contacting your local FSA county office. The Farm Service Agency is an Equal Opportunity Lender.